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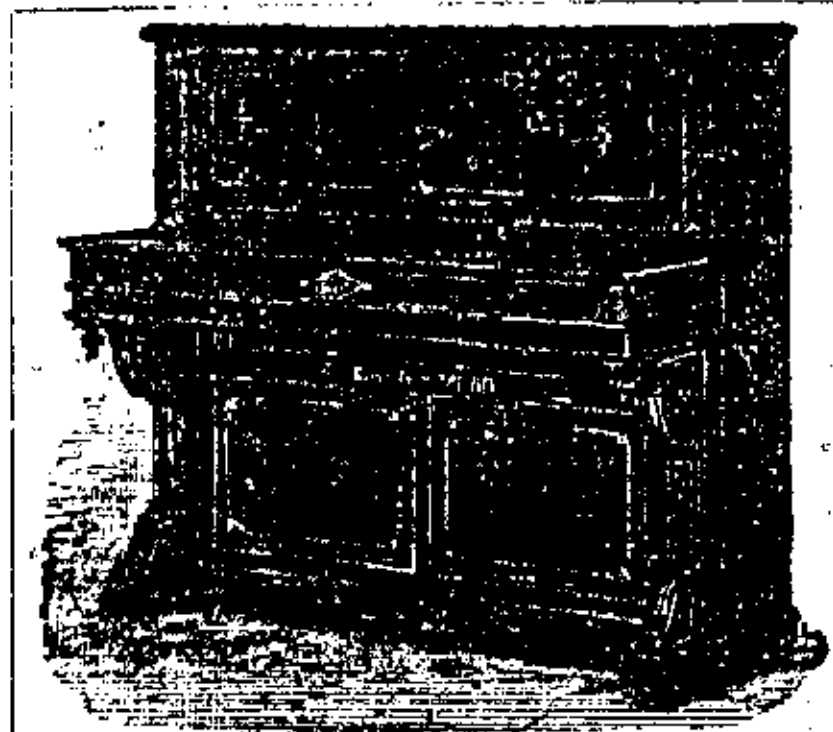
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LONDON &c.	Thames	E. R. DOWELL, R.N.	Noon, 13th January.
JAPAN	Yokohama	C. H. S. TONGUE, R.N.	Noon, 14th January.
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The annual sports of the Tai Koo Refinery Club will take place at Quarry Bay to-morrow.

A Watch-night Service will be held in the Union Church to-night, commencing at a quarter past eleven o'clock.

The second of the representative matches between Stoddard's Eleven and All Australia commences at Melbourne to-morrow.

A JAPANESE native paper states that Franco has officially made a demand to the Japanese Authorities for the concession of the Peninsular as a naval station. The statement is generally discredited.

The Post Office will be closed on New Year's Day and Monday, the 3rd January, except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The night box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

To-morrow being the first day of the New Year, there will be no issue of the China Mail. On Monday, publication will commence about 2 p.m., and advertisements are therefore requested to send in advertisements early in the morning to ensure insertion in Monday's issue. In closing the work of another year, we take this opportunity of wishing our readers

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, as no complaints had been received that the butchers in Kowloon, suffered from the closing of the cattle depot at Kowloon, the Medical Officer of Health moved, seconded by the President, that the cattle depot at Kowloon remain closed until a further report was received from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. The motion was carried.

A writer in the *Colonialist* Lloyd says:—The South Shantung mission is the only German Mission in China, a lost corner of the empire where the language of Germany has been held aloft up to the time of this terrible disaster. Surely this is a mistake. What about the Basel Mission? And what about the outrage in the Peking Province, so promptly avenged at the instance of the German Government in 1890?

It is stated by a Singapore journal that from Singapore to Hongkong, a distance of about 1,400 miles, the *Finchley* is to be run with her propelling machinery as near full power as possible; and it is anticipated that she will make the passage in about three days, which will give an average speed of rather over 20 knots per hour, or 23 statute miles. If she does this against the monsoon, it will be good going.

We learn from the *Singapore Free Press* that the Colonial Surgeon, Pountney, and Municipal Health Officer, on further examination considered the case of the African freeman shipped at Bombay, who was reported sick with slight but suspicious symptoms on 13th, the day after leaving Colombo, to be one of 'aborted plague.' The man, on the symptoms being first observed on board, was at once isolated.

The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has seriously affected the milk supply of the Colony. Mr Kennedy's two depots have now been closed, and to prevent the further spread of the disease a large number of Chinese cowsheds have been shut up. It is very fortunate, however, that the Dairy Farm's stations have been declared free of the disease, and the Company are now prepared to give a full supply to their numerous customers.

Our readers may remember the announcement some time ago of the issue of a native Japanese newspaper at Taiwanfo. We learn that both the editor and the contributor of a paragraph criticising Government officials in Formosa are now languishing in prison, where they will continue to languish for two and three months respectively. If criticism of Government officials were a crime in Hongkong, we are afraid the supply of prison editors would speedily become exhausted.

There is a wonderful silence in the Japanese press regarding Japan's probable action in the event of an actual partition of China, by the European Powers. The Japanese Government is in constant telegraphic communication with 115 Ministers abroad, and is obviously waiting further developments before manifesting its policy; and it is a safe assumption that the Japanese press is being restrained from making comments which might lead to ill-will with any of the Powers.

About one o'clock to-day (says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 21st inst.) an urgent telegram was received from Admiral Buller at Hongkong ordering the *Grafton* to proceed with all despatch to that Port. All the officers and men are ordered to be on board by seven o'clock to-night, and the vessel leaves at eight o'clock. The torpedo-boat destroyers *Pam* and *Whiting* are overhauling their boilers, and it is considered probable that, if the *Edgar* is also ordered up to Hongkong, in anticipation of the arrival of the *Powerful* here, they will go on in convoy of the *Powerful*. With reference to the latter vessel, it now turns out that, during the voyage from the Cape to Singapore, her condensers went wrong and she therefore went into Colombo, steaming into that Port at six knots. She has now made good her defect and leaves the Singapore today.

Two charges of assault preferred by Francis de Louz, against F. A. Pearson, overseer with F.W.D., was dismissed, to-day, by Mr H. E. Wodehouse, at the Magistrate's.

We hear that Mr A. R. Marty has bought the two steamers about which so much trouble has arisen in the Bonnet case. It is also believed the trouble is over, and Mr Jack leaves shortly to Shanghai to take over the one there.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.)

LONDON, 22nd December, 1897. DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT. M. Pichon, the French Minister at Rio Janeiro, has been transferred to Peking.

RECRUDESCENCE OF THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY. There is a serious recrudescence of the plague in Bombay.

BYE ELECTION. Lord Charles Bessborough, the Unionist Candidate, replaces the late 'Sir Frank Lockwood as member for York City. (This is a Unionist gain. At the General Election of 1895, Mr. Bessborough (Conservative) was elected at the top of the poll, with Sir F. Lockwood (Liberal) as his colleague, the defeated candidate being Mr. A. E. Pease.—E.P., G.J.)

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF CRETE. Russia proposes Prince George of Greece for the Governorship of Crete.

WEATHER REPORT. The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 21st at 11.30 a. Pressure is normal in the South, and in defect on the China coast where a further fall of the barometer has occurred. Gradients slight generally. Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; misty, some light rain.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LTD. The thirteenth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the Company's Registered Office, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, Mr. H. B. Buck presiding.

The other persons present were:—Messrs J. Orange and C. Evans (Consulting Committee); H. Humphreys, H. Wicking, G. Murray Bain, and A. H. Maness. Mr. H. Humphreys read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said, Gentlemen, The report has been in your hands for several days, so with your permission I will take it as read. You will be pleased to find that our returns are steadily increasing, and we are this year able to pay a dividend of 7 per cent. again 8 per cent. last year. I think I can safely say that almost everything points to a continued steady increase in our earnings, particularly as the new road now in course of construction will open up Magazine Gap and its locality to the Tram service. The closing of the Mount Austin Hotel has, of course, been a loss to us since 1st October, but when it is again inhabited we expect to more than recover any loss that has been sustained. I do not, however, wish shareholders to take too sanguine a view of the future for we must be in mind that with the late exchange one of the principal items of our expenditure, that is the cable, costs us about 4 more than it did when we first took the management of the Company. The price of coal also has considerably increased and we do not anticipate any reduction in price for some time to come. At the same time we feel confident that shareholders will continue to receive a steady return on their investments. Before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

Mr. Murray Bain.—Can you tell us anything about what arrangements you have made with regard to a new superintendent for the Company?

The Chairman.—I am pleased to say that we have appointed who we consider a very good man as superintendent in place of our superintendant. That is Mr. C. B. Bayley, who is at present acting as chief engineer on the Fushan. He is a gentleman well known to nearly everyone on the coast, and particularly by some of the prominent residents in Hongkong. He has been particularly recommended to us, and I think we have been very fortunate in getting his services.

No further questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts.

Mr. Murray Bain seconded.

Mr. Maness seconded.

The Chairman.—That is all the business of the meeting gentlemen. To-morrow being a bank holiday, we will issue the dividend warrants on Monday morning. Thank you for your attendance.

LOCAL COMPOSERS, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, & Co. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.—W. Robinson & Co.

The Times of Ceylon states that H.M.S. *Edgar* encountered the s.s. *Edenmore* of Newcastle, with her cargo of petroleum oil on fire, and, finding it was impossible to save her, the crew was rescued, and put ashore at Aden. It was, however, seen that the *Edenmore* was in the fairway of vessels, so with some difficulty she was riddled with shot and sunk. The *Edenmore* was in charge of Captain George C. Laurence, and the crew numbered 16. Her registered tonnage was 2,000, and the port of registry Newcastle. She was bound from Balaban to Karachi, and had a cargo of refined petroleum oil, 112,480 cases of 4 gallons each. The owners of the vessel are Messrs Walter Runciman & Co., and the consignees of the cargo the Bombay Oil Company. It appears that the fire broke out through one of the crew going to the engine-room to draw some oil for the ship's use. Some was spilled and took fire. This set fire to some wooden stowage in the engine-room, and, since the vessel was soon enveloped in flames, it was of course impossible to work the pumps. Of course, for a ship to be constructed in such a dangerous way would not be allowed with a passenger vessel.

Waxes planned by the Moji Ironworks for the construction of two docks, capable of accommodating vessels up to 7,000 tons, have been suspended owing to the difficulty of raising the necessary money capital at present.—Singapore Press.

THE UNSETTLED STATE OF TONKIN.

PARTIAL RESUME OF TRADE. Private advice from Hanoi state that the country round Hanoi is in a very unsettled condition. Chinese merchants from the surrounding districts are afraid of travelling to the capital, and there is a partial stoppage of trade with the provinces. Merchants will not order goods in large quantities, and appear to be waiting for the restoration of order and the resumption of the power of the Executive. Small bands of robbers are still raiding the country districts, but the large predatory gangs have been broken up.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

A SENSATIONAL REMOUE. It is stated that the Spanish steamer *Uranus*, at present in Hongkong Harbour, has been chartered by the Spanish Government to convey Emilio Aguinaldo and a party of the rebel leaders to a place of safety; that Aguinaldo and his companions are now in Hongkong; and that they are to receive a sum of a million and a half of dollars through the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

We publish the rumour for what it is worth. We have endeavoured to obtain information on the matter from reliable sources, but our enquiries have failed to elicit either confirmation or contradiction.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That one is tempted to make retrospective glances at the end of a year, but after all, looking forward is probably the better and more wholesome thing to do. That politically, we have been doing a great deal of forward-going in this Farther East, and but little of our British action is at yet visible.

That when one remembers the fact of our possession of Hongkong for over half a century, and that so little has been done to open up Southern China, the result rather tells against our vaunted spirit of enterprise. That the mineral resources of South China still lie dormant, although precisely at our very doors, and yet the Chinese Government looks as if either bankruptcy or disruption were soon to overtake it. That there can be no question our policy of non-intervention and complacency has proved to be a failure, and has undoubtedly served the Chinese people very badly.

That Russia, Germany and France have apparently resolved to adopt a more decided and practical policy—some call it a predatory attitude, although little we would care to quarrel with that. That beyond the feeling, which seems to be the general, of our determination to secure a large base up North, to look after the Yangtze Valley, and to take the Two Kwang under our wing, no new developments can be safely predicted.

That the extension of the railway there is little likelihood of real trouble arising out of the proposed forward movements of the Continental Powers in China. That if the British Government is forced to take action by way of securing rights to counterbalance those of other powers, it will have to do so with a full knowledge that the British have been all duly weighed.

That in wishing the Chinese Government a happy New Year, one can scarcely refrain from the remark that the High Authorities have themselves to thank for most of their troubles.

That the extension of the Hongkong boundary of the mainland may have been overlooked or overshadowed by the larger possibilities which now present themselves. That the Christmas season has been pre-eminently festive, and I heartily wish the well-to-do class of the residents in this island a happy and successful New Year.

That our Government leaves us just one month hence, and I hear several proposals were made by way of a 'send off.' The *Edenmore* is to be sent to give a St. George's Ball, but this would have left out the Scotch and Irish residents, so it was abandoned.

That subsequently it was suggested all nationalities should join forces, and give His Excellency a fair farewell ball.

That it soon became known that the Governor proposed giving a 'farewell' dance at Government House, and the idea of giving a public ball was consequently given up.

That I believe the 'farewell' will now take the form of an address from the Committee to the Governor, and the Governor's reply, and the Governor's embarkation on the *Edenmore* Ball, but this would have left out the Scotch and Irish residents, so it was abandoned.

That there is no end to the power of money, and if your news be correct about the million and a half dollar presentation to the leading insurrectionaries of the Philippines, a fresh instance becomes apparent as to what strange things money can accomplish.

That one is sorely tempted to criticise the part taken in this alleged transaction by the payers as well as the payees. That they do things very differently, under Spanish rule, from what would be done under British rule, and perhaps the least said is soonest mended.

That it may now be taken for granted the great Little Synagogue case is the most protruded in the history of the Hongkong Supreme Court.

That as yet no one has anything to do with its merits save 'my Lord the Chief Justice,' and it is pretty clear he will have to devote some time in wrestling with the product of the sixteen-days proceedings.

That it may be said the Zicwau Observatory people attempt too much in their marvellous system of storm signals, but if they protest (or forecast) too much, it certainly shows a most laudable desire to meet the requirements of the shipping interest.

That the so-called storm-warnings in vogue in Hongkong are, in comparison of those of Shanghai, utterly beneath contempt. That I heartily wish all your well-wishers, and even all our enemies (if we have any).

A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. v. KOWLOON F.C. This match was played at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon in favourable weather. There was a fairly large concourse of spectators, amongst whom were Major-General Black, Commodore Holland and Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary. A good game was expected, and additional interest was given to the game by the fact that this was the first meeting of the Clubs this season. Since they last met, both teams have undergone material alterations, and it is generally supposed that both are now stronger.

Those who expected to see a first-class exhibition of 'sucker' were sadly disappointed. At the outset, the Kowloon forwards indulged in short sharp passes and speedily worked the ball down to the Club goal. A miss-kick by C. T. Kew (who was playing at back) let the Kowloon centre forward in, and he banged the ball into the net, Davis (the Club custodian) failing to reach the ball, which cannoned unfortunately off Mayson, the other back. A goal within the first minute's play sent up the spirits of the Kowloon supporters.

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YE CHRONICLES OF YE CITY BY THE SEA.

And behold, about the period of the withering of the leaves, certain of the floods of the city connected with the racing of the untamed steeds of the desert gave a Daquint, and the leaders of the Cohorts and the Centurions and the tent-pegs and the polo walls attended the feast, and he whose name was like unto the snows of Kin-chin jungles was there.

And his head was harder than the granite of his native hills, yet even harder than the Grampians. And the younger men said one to another 'Let us make a diversion; and they pledged him once after another with the liquor of the barley, which was potent and like unto the dew of the mountains.

And he drank cup-for-cup with them; and they marvelled, and said one to another 'What manner of man is this! Verily, with such a head he is fited to be a ruler of men.'

And he, knowing what was in their minds, humoured them to the full; and he said he saw them all (upon the table), and he merely remarked 'Fair misguided creatures.'

Then he commanded with a stentorian voice in the language of the Hindoo 'Purdah!' which, being interpreted, signifieth 'Curtain!' And then he departed to his own vineyard, and slept the sleep of the just; for he had thrown dust on the smart ones.

And next day the Ruler of the City, who had also been at the feast, groined him in these words: 'Dulce est desipere in loco domus vobiscum.'

And it came to pass that certain ecclesiastics of the sect that sitteth on seven hills, being a foreign nation and jealous of the liberty of conscience enjoyed by the other sects of the people of the city, laid their heads together, and conspired as to how they could regain the lost power of priestcraft; and they issued a decree of excommunication against those of the flock who gave alms to other denominations or who were known to have entered other temples than their own.

And there was much bitterness of spirit engendered thereby, and the needy were the sufferers, for the people of the other sects closed up their purses, and would give nothing to the poor of the sect that had violated the great command.

Now the men had but small sympathy for their cunning priests, who professed the doctrine 'that the end justifyeth the means'; for they said, 'Behold this is a menace to the peace of our households. But the priests frightened the women, and quoted the words of sundry high dignitaries of their cult, who, from political notions, had taken up the same attitude in the Isle of Greenorio in the Far West.

But the men they could not move; for they said, 'Behold thy thundering are but vanity and lust of power. We are business men, and we will not have our homes disturbed; therefore, take heed.' And the heathen laughed these sects to scorn, and said, 'Behold the Christians who profess to teach us: How they love one another.'

And it came to pass that there was arose the frontiers of Ind, and the soldiers of the great Queen performed deeds of valour and heroism and the country was pacified. But the Chief of the Cohorts said, 'Surely the desire must be increased, and he spoke words of great wisdom and the people were convinced and sundry of the orators arose in the Congregation of the people and they exposed the misdoings of the great War Department so that the people cried with a loud voice 'Reform, Reform.'

And of this there was great seed, for the people of the city by the sea had groined under the heavy heels of this Department for years, and knew that it was rotten. But they were in a minority, and could do no more than protest, and this they were over doing, whilst the Ministers of the Queen of Victory, for there are men of wisdom among them, were forgotten by the younger men of the fighting cohorts and the older ones had been gotten by the Society people of the City, whose mission was pleasure.

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ACCIDENT TO A. P. & O. COM-MANDER.

Yokohama, Dec. 22. A nasty accident happened at the pier on Tuesday afternoon whereby Captain F. L. Lock, of the P. & O. intermediate steamer *Malacca*, received serious injury. He was engaged watching from the pier the discharge of some iron rails when a sling broke and the loose steel wire swung round catching Captain Lock on the thigh. The force of the blow was so severe that the Commander fell down unconscious. He was picked up and conveyed to the General Hospital where he still remains. The *Malacca* left harbour this morning on its homeward voyage in charge of the chief officer.—Japan Mail.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

SOURCE OF AN OFFICER. Bombay, Dec. 22.—Lieut. Walters, of the First Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, has committed suicide, this making the fifth suicide in the regiment within fifteen months and the second amongst the officers in that period.

STRIKE AMONG I. S. S. OFFICERS SETTLED. Calcutta, Dec. 9.—A strike of officers of the British India Company's fleet at Rangoon and Calcutta has been happily settled by the Company granting the officers' demands. The principal grievances were alleged to be the reduction of pay and the curtailment of the number of pursers, leading to extra work.

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25-34	18	17	16	15
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45-54	12	11	10	10
55-64	10	11	12	12
65-74	8	7	6	6
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THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
 SUBSCRIBED.....£1,250,000
 PAID UP.....£602,500
 RESERVE FUND.....£10,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
 For 12 Months.....3 1/2%
 " 6 Months.....3%
 " 3 Months.....2 1/2%

J. THURBURN,
 Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
 HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
 RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
 RESERVE FUND.....£375,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
 " 6 months 3 1/2%
 " 3 months 2 1/2%

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
 Manager.

Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
 RESERVE FUND.....\$7,000,000
 RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
 Mr. J. J. BELL, Chairman.
 Mr. J. J. BELL, Chairman.
 Mr. J. J. BELL, Chairman.

Hongkong, November 8, 1897. 353

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
 T. JACKSON,
 Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1897. 1615

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000
 PAID UP CAPITAL.....£824,374.

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FOR SHANGHAI.
 The Co.'s Steamship
 Captain BLACKBURN,
 will be despatched at
 above on SATURDAY, the 1st January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1897. 2567

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

STEAM FOR SAIGON.
 The Co.'s Steamship
 Captain MALAYAL, will be
 despatched on or about
 the 2nd January, 1898, at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.

Hongkong, Dec. 29, 1897. 2552

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship
 Captain H. H. SUTTON,
 will be despatched for
 the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 4th
 January, 1898, at 3 p.m., instead of as
 previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1897. 2541

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
 (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking
 through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The Steamship
 Captain McARTHUR, will be
 despatched for the above
 Ports on TUESDAY, the 4th January, at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for
 Passengers, and has a Refrigerating
 Chamber, which ensures the supply of
 Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout
 the voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
 Return Tickets issued by this Company
 to and from AUSTRALIA, are available
 for return by the Steamers of the
 China Navigation Company, and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1897. 2560

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship
 Captain LE CORSEILLER,
 will be despatched for the
 above Ports on or about TUESDAY, the
 4th January, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2538

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
 Captain YARROLD,
 will be despatched at
 above on or about the
 5th January, 1898.

To be followed by the
 S.S. Havant, on or about the 31st January,
 1898.

S.S. Lythorn, on or about 16th February,
 1898.

S.S. Orville, on or about 28th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1897. 2493

MOBIL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
 Captain PORTER,
 will be despatched for the
 above Ports on or about
 13th January, 1898.

S.S. Angli, to sail about 5th Feb., 1898.
 S.S. Glouch, to sail about 20th Feb., 1898.
 S.S. Temora, to sail about 10th Mar., 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2540

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
 STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP,
 BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Extra Steamer
 Captain DUMSTADT,
 will be despatched at
 above on or about the
 15th February, 1898.

To be followed by the
 S.S. Creffeld, on or about the 15th March,
 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 MELCHERS & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2547

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 109 A.J. American Ship
 Captain PHABODY, Master, shortly
 expected here, will load for the
 above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1897. 2419

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
 The Co.'s Steamship
 Captain BORTON, will be
 despatched at above on
 TUESDAY, the 4th January.

For Freight, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1897. 2460

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
 STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
 STEAMER CAYLON.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
 PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
 named Vessel are hereby informed
 that their Goods are being landed
 and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND
 KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S
 GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment
 will be sorted out Mark by Mark and
 delivery can be obtained as soon as the
 Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings in Cargo:—
 From ITALY, ex s.s. Sufici. From
 MOROCCO, ex s.s. Languis.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
 instructions are given to the contrary before
 4 p.m. on the 27th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 1st January,
 at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me
 in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in
 the Godowns and a certificate of the damage
 obtained from the Godown Company within
 ten days after the vessel's arrival here,
 after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
 Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2527

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP MOGUL,
 FROM ORTLEND, YOKOHAMA,
 KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
 signees of Cargo are hereby requested
 to send a Bill of Lading for counter-
 signature, and take immediate delivery of
 their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
 Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
 signees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2530

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER THAMES.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
 named Vessel are hereby informed
 that their Goods are being landed
 and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND
 KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S
 GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment
 will be sorted out Mark by Mark and
 delivery can be obtained as soon as the
 Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings in Cargo:—
 From LONDON, ex s.s. Hindostan.
 From ZAMBIA, ex s.s. Zulu.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
 instructions are given to the contrary before
 4 p.m. TUESDAY.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd January,
 at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me
 in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in
 the Godowns and a certificate of the damage
 obtained from the Godown Company within
 ten days after the vessel's arrival here,
 after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
 Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2528

Intimations.

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.

ROTISSERIE,
 Meals a la Carte.

CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any
 time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30
 p.m.

Monthly Boarders at Moderate Rates.

Madar & Farmer,
 Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 3, 1896. 1786

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

THIS Establishment has undergone
 extensive alterations. The DINING
 ROOM being now upstairs, and a Large
 BILLIARD ROOM (having two New
 BURROUGHS AND WATTS TABLES) being added
 to the Hotel.

Rooms for Private Dinners.

Entrances:—Ice House Lane, Queen's
 Road, and Duddell Street.

J. C. GOODCHILD,
 Manager.

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

WINDSOR HOTEL,
 HONGKONG.

THIS Establishment, situated in the
 elegant Building known as "CON-
 STANT HOUSE," offers First-Class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall
 to each Floor, in charge of experienced
 Attendants.

Favourable Arrangements made for
 Families and for Monthly or Extended
 Periods.

BILLIARDS.

P. BOHM,
 Proprietor and Manager.

Hongkong, September 27, 1897. 1787

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.
 City of Rio de Janeiro
 (via S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea and Yokohama) THURSDAY, Jan. 6,
 1898, at noon.

City of S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu. TUESDAY, Jan. 25,
 at noon.

City of S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu. SATURDAY, Feb. 12,
 at noon.

THE U.S. Mail S.S. CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1898, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-shipment to Vancouver and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Ports of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Hawaii, to Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages may be received at the office until 3 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels should be marked to address in full; value in case of loss.

Canadian Agents to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco to the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Social Boulevard, Montreal, or to the Collector of Customs at the destination.

For further information as to Passages and Freight, apply to the Agents at the Hongkong, S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
 Agent.

Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 2466

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

MAKING CARGO AND PASSENGER TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.
 Gaoic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) SATURDAY, Jan. 15,
 1898, at daylight.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) THURSDAY, Feb. 3,
 1898, at noon.

Begic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) THURSDAY, Feb. 22,
 1898, at noon.

THE Steamship GAOIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1898, at daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consignment invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the Agents at the Hongkong, S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
 Agent.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2540

Mails.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
 SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
 SUEZ, PORT SAID,
 NAPLES, GENOA,
 ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
 PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
 SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

also,
 LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
 BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
 GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
 PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
 AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
 AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
 of Lading for the principal places in
 RUSSIA.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.
 Prince Heinrich Tuesday, Jan. 4,
 1898, at noon.

Freuden Tuesday, Jan. 11,
 1898, at noon.

Sachsen Tuesday, Jan. 18,
 1898, at noon.

ON TUESDAY, the 4th day of January,
 1898, at 9 a.m. the Company's s.s.
 PRINZ HEINRICH, Captain O. CAPPERS,
 with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
 and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
 calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
 Noon, on SATURDAY, the 1st January,<

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Green Island to the Gas Works.
Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From East Point to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Agent.	Flag and Reg.	Tons net.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1392	Dec. 28	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Singapore & Calcutta	Jan. 4.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.
Amoy	Swedish	Brit.	1403	Dec. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama & Kobe	Jan. 2.

THE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 1st, 1897.

Standard Fund	£45,161,239
Standard Fund	36,145,160
Standard Fund	£9,016,078
Standard Fund	£190,643,264
Standard Fund	£26,622,934

THE ASSURANCE is now within every man's reach at a cost which, in the event of no claim arising, is either nominal or nothing at all. The policy, which is a guarantee to the best of safe investments, is explained and illustrated in the prospectus of the Society.

General Agents, HONGKONG, AUGUST 5, 1897. 1546

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

December 30th - at 4 P.M.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
0.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
0.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
1.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
1.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
2.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
2.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
3.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
3.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
4.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
4.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
5.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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6.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
6.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
7.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
7.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
8.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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18.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
19.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
19.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
20.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
20.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
21.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
21.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
22.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
22.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
23.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
23.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
24.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—

December 31st - at 10 A.M.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
0.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
0.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
1.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
1.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
2.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
2.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
3.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
3.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
4.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
4.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
5.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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6.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
7.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
7.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
8.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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9.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
10.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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11.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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14.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
14.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
15.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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16.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
16.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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17.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
18.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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19.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
19.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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21.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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22.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
23.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
23.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
24.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—

December 31st - at 10 A.M.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
0.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
0.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
1.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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2.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
2.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
3.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
3.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
4.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
4.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
5.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
5.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
6.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
6.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
7.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
7.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
8.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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9.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
9.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
10.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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13.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
13.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
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14.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
15.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
15.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
16.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
16.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
17.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
17.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
18.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
18.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
19.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
19.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
20.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
20.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
21.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
21.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
22.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
22.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
23.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
23.30	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—
24.00	30.03	85	W	2	0	—	—

December 31st - at 10 A.M.

0.00	31.06	61	—	NNW	1	c	—
Long.	31.04	69	69	SE	2	c	—
2.00	31.00	81	71	N	2	b	—
3.00	29.92	82	63	NE	1	c	—
James	—	—	—	NE	3	m	—
December 31st. — AT 10 A.M.							
Stock, 30.19	20	22	NW	—	b	—	—

